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## Ministerial Delegation attends COP27

A 13-member official delegation from Nepal led by Hon. Minister for Women, Children and Senior Citizens Mrs. Uma Regmi attended the UN Climate Change Conference (COP27) held in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt from November 6-18, 2022. On November 7, Hon. Minister Regmi attended the Opening Ceremony of COP27 and the first part of the high-level segment of COP27. On November 8, Minister Regmi attended the Environment Ministers Meeting of SACEP Member States on the sidelines of COP-27.

## Arrival of the Ambassador

The newly-appointed Ambassador of Nepal to the Arab Republic of Egypt H.E. Sushil K Lamsal arrived in Cairo on July 30, 2022, and commenced his tour of duty in Egypt on the same day. He was received at the Cairo International Airport by CDA, a.i. Mr. Deepak Ghimire, as well as officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt. Mr. Lamsal is the 12th Nepali ambassador in Cairo.



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## AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE



Nepal and Egypt enjoy excellent bilateral relations based on trust, friendship, and cooperation.

In recent years, our bilateral relations have continued to deepen and widen in multiple sectors.

Our two countries work together in international forums on issues of common concern and exchange mutual support.

The people-to-people exchanges between our two countries have continued to grow and flourish, particularly in the fields of education and tourism.

The Embassy's activities are directed toward further promoting the multi-faceted and historic ties between Nepal and Egypt.

The Embassy of Nepal in Cairo extends services to Nepali citizens residing in the Arab Republic of Egypt as well as all countries to which it is concurrently accredited.

The services are listed in the Citizen's Charter on the Embassy's website, together with related procedures and requirements.

We welcome your comments, suggestions, and feedback on further improving our services.

**Sushil K Lamsal, Ambassador**

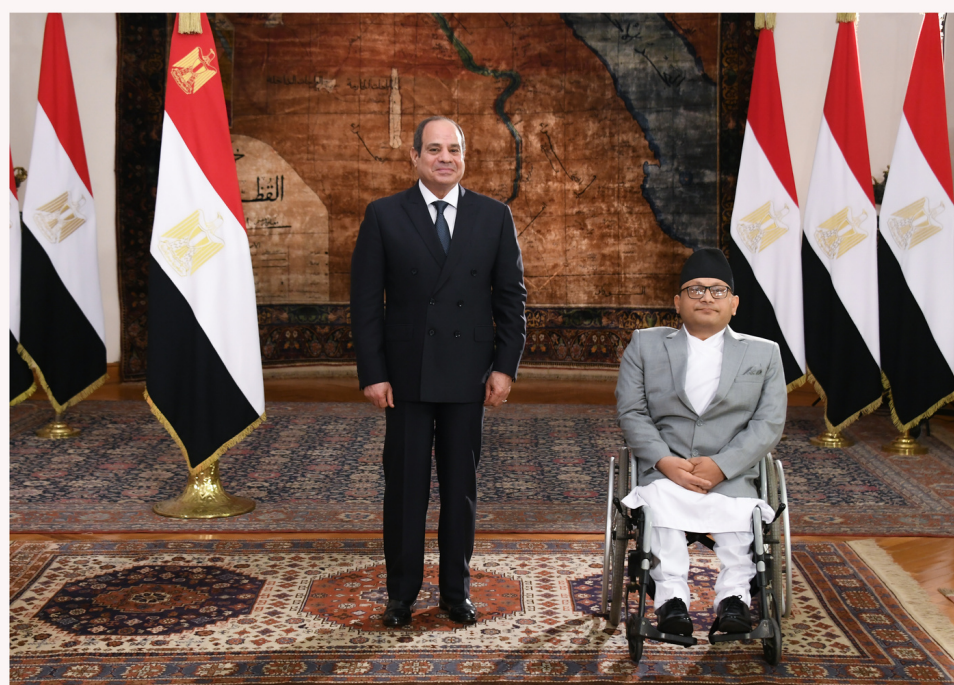




## Presentation of Credentials

On September 17, Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal presented his Letters of Credence to His Excellency Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi, President of the Arab Republic of Egypt amid a special ceremony held at the Al-Ittihadyiya Palace in Cairo.

On the occasion, Ambassador Lamsal conveyed warm greetings and best wishes from the President of Nepal Rt. Hon. Mrs. Bidya Devi Bhandari to His Excellency the President of Egypt for his good health and happiness as well as for the continued progress, prosperity, and well-being of the Egyptian people.



On the occasion, President El-Sisi welcomed the new ambassadors from the Kingdom of Cambodia, Ukraine, the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the State of Kuwait, the Republic of Slovenia, Australia, and the Kingdom of Spain and expressed his best wishes for them in their mission.

The President affirmed Egypt's keenness to enhance frameworks of cooperation with all countries across various fields and stressed the importance of continuing coordination on various regional and international issues of mutual interest.





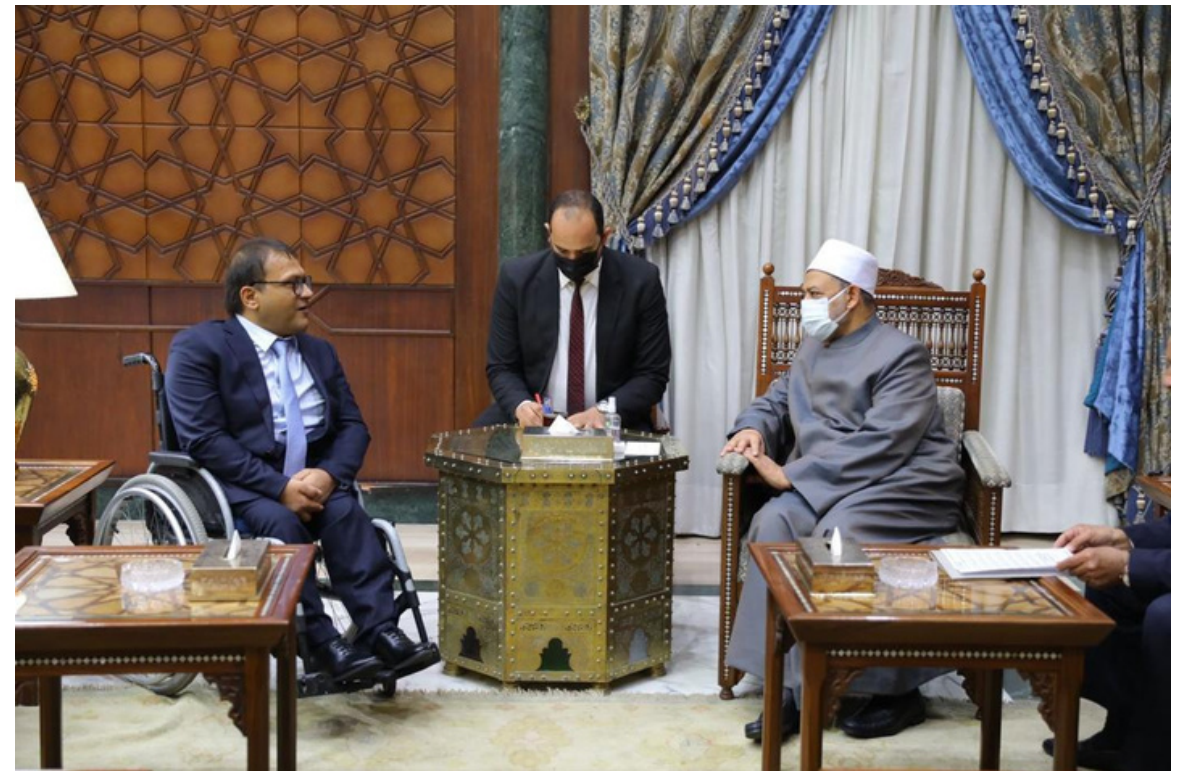


## Ambassador Meets with Minister for Higher Education and Research

On January 19, 2023, Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal met with H.E. Prof Dr. Md. Ayman Ashour, Minister for Higher Education and Research of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

The utilization of scholarships offered by the Egyptian government to Nepali students, as well as collaboration between institutions of higher education in the two countries, were discussed at the meeting.

Bilateral cooperation in education between Nepal and Egypt has accelerated in recent years. More than fifty Nepali students were admitted to various Egyptian universities in this academic year alone.

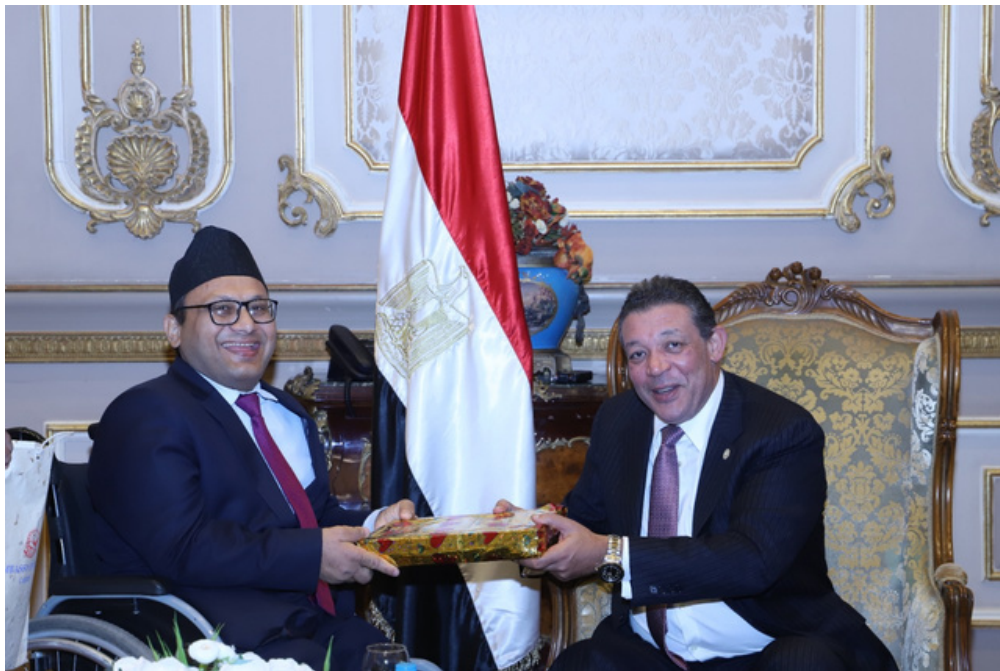


## Ambassador's Visit to Al-Azhar Al-Sharif

On September 27, Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal met with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, His Holiness Dr. Ahmed Tayyeb. Appreciating Al-Azhar's valuable contribution to promoting inter-faith harmony, tolerance, and mutual understanding, Ambassador Lamsal said that this ancient seat of learning had been attracting students from around the world, including Nepal, for a long time.

His Holiness Dr. Tayyeb praised the talent and humility of Nepali students and hoped that their knowledge and skills would contribute to national development in their respective fields of study. Currently, there are around 80 Nepali students at Al-Azhar University. Established in 972 AD, Al-Azhar Al-Sharif is one of the most prominent centers of Islamic and Arab learning in the world.





## President of Senate Foreign Affairs Committee Stresses on Promoting Nepal-Egypt Relations

On December 8, 2022, Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal met with H.E. Mr. Hazem M. Omar, the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs of the Egyptian Senate in the latter's office.

At the meeting, Ambassador Lamsal shed light on the historical relations between Nepal and Egypt.

H.E. Mr. Hazem Oman stressed the need to add fresh momentum to bilateral cooperation through appropriate initiatives including parliamentary exchanges.

## Nepal and Egypt agree to collaborate on tourism promotion

On January 17, 2023, Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal held a bilateral meeting with H.E. Ms. Ghada Salabi, Vice-Minister of Tourism of Egypt.

During the meeting, the two sides agreed to collaborate with each other on promoting tourism through promotional programs.

Both Nepal and Egypt are major tourist destinations, with plenty of scope for mutual learning and exchange of expertise and cooperation in the tourism sector, Ambassador Lamsal said. Vice-Minister H.E. Ms. Ghada Salabi said that bilateral cooperation in tourism would be a win-win proposition, and should be actively pursued.







## National Day Celebration

On the occasion of the Constitution Day and National Day of Nepal on September 19, the Ambassador of Nepal to the Arab Republic of Egypt, H.E. Mr. Sushil K Lamsal hoisted the national flag of Nepal at the Embassy premises.

The national anthem of Nepal was played during the flag-hoisting ceremony. The diplomatic officials of the Embassy of Nepal and their family members were present at the function.

On September 18, the Chamberlain of the Egyptian Presidency His Excellency Mr. Hossam Zaatar called on the ambassador and conveyed the greetings and best wishes on behalf of the President of Egypt H.E. Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi to Rt. Hon. President of Nepal Mrs. Bidya Devi Bhandari on the occasion of the National Day of Nepal.



On the evening of September 19, a reception was hosted at the chancery to celebrate National Day. In his welcome remarks, Ambassador Lamsal extended his warm greetings and best wishes to all compatriots living in Egypt as well as Egyptian friends of Nepal.

He appreciated the role of the Nepali students in Egypt in forging deeper people-to-people ties and said that they remained important connecting links between the two countries.

Around one hundred Nepali nationals from different walks of life living in Egypt attended the reception.







## Ambassador holds talks with DG of CCCPA

On September 21, Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal met with Ahmed Abdel-Latif, Director General of the Cairo International Center for Conflict Resolution, Peacekeeping, and Peacebuilding (CCCPA).

The two sides discussed modalities for deepening cooperation between the peacekeeping training institutes of Nepal and Egypt.

Facilitating the exchange of expertise and best practices in peacekeeping, and helping support institutional strengthening and operational capabilities of UN peacekeepers of both countries also figured in the discussions.

CCCPA is a premier peacekeeping training center in the Middle East and North Africa region.



## Nepali Diplomats attend IDS Training Program

Two Nepali diplomats, Majoj Singh, and Shreejal Pokharel participated in a diplomatic training program organized by the Institute of Diplomatic Studies under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt from January 15-25, 2023. A total of 28 participants from 14 countries took part in the training program.

On January 25, IDS organized a valedictory ceremony, where H.E. Hamdi Loza, Deputy Foreign Minister of Egypt conferred certificates of completion to the participants. The Nepali participants presented a token of appreciation to IDS Director Waleed Haggag.







## Interactions with Nepali Diaspora in Africa

On September 3, 2022, Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal took part in an online meeting with representatives of NRNA associations in the African continent.

Representatives of NRN bodies of Uganda, Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda, Morocco, Tanzania, South Africa, and others attended the meeting.

The participants expressed the hope that the Embassy would redouble its efforts in providing prompt and efficient consular services. They also stressed the need for coordinated action on combating human trafficking to Africa from Nepal. Ambassador Lamsal assured that the Embassy would place top priority on extending prompt consular services as well as ensuring the welfare of the Nepali community.

## Embassy organizes Cultural Forum at Al-Azhar

The Embassy organized a cultural forum for promoting Nepal's Culture and Tourism at Al-Azhar University in Cairo on November 23, 2022, in cooperation with the Nepali students' association and the Islamic Baouth Cities Sector.

Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal thanked Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, and the Islamic Baouth Cities sector for their long-standing support to the students from Nepal and hoped that cooperation between Nepal and Al-Azhar would continue to grow further in the days to come. Advisor to the Grand Sheikh, Dr. Nahla Al-Saidi pointed out that Al-Azhar cherished receiving its students from all countries of the world, and ensured to do its best to qualify them with educational attainments in different fields.

Nepali food was offered to the attendees at the end of the function. Approximately 100 participants, including students, faculty, and representatives of student communities from various countries studying at Al-Azhar University attended the event.







## Ambassador Meets with Chair of Egypt Electricity Holding Company

On January 24, Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal met with the Chairman of Egypt Electricity Holding Company, Eng. Gaber Desouki Moustafa.

Recalling the MoU signed between Nepal and Egypt in 1996 on mutual exchange and cooperation in electricity cooperation, Ambassador Lamsal requested the Egyptian side to provide training opportunities to Nepali engineers in the field of electricity generation and distribution as well as rural electrification.

Chairman Mr. Gaber Desouk Moustafa responded positively to the proposal, and expressed readiness to lend assistance in training Nepali engineers.



## Meeting with Secretary General of Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development (EAPD)

On January 4, Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal held a meeting with H.E. Mr. Achraf Ibrahim, Secretary General of the Egyptian Agency of Partnership for Development (EAPD).

The Agency is the first South-South Cooperation institution in Egypt that works in three major areas: capacity building, humanitarian assistance, and dispatching of experts.

Under the aegis of EAPD, Egypt provides training courses for five Nepali technical experts every year in agriculture and two in diplomatic studies.

In 2015, the Agency sent 18 tons of relief materials to Nepal after the April earthquake







## Expanding Cooperation in Archaeology

On January 2, Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal met with Dr. Mustafa Waziri, Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities of Egypt.

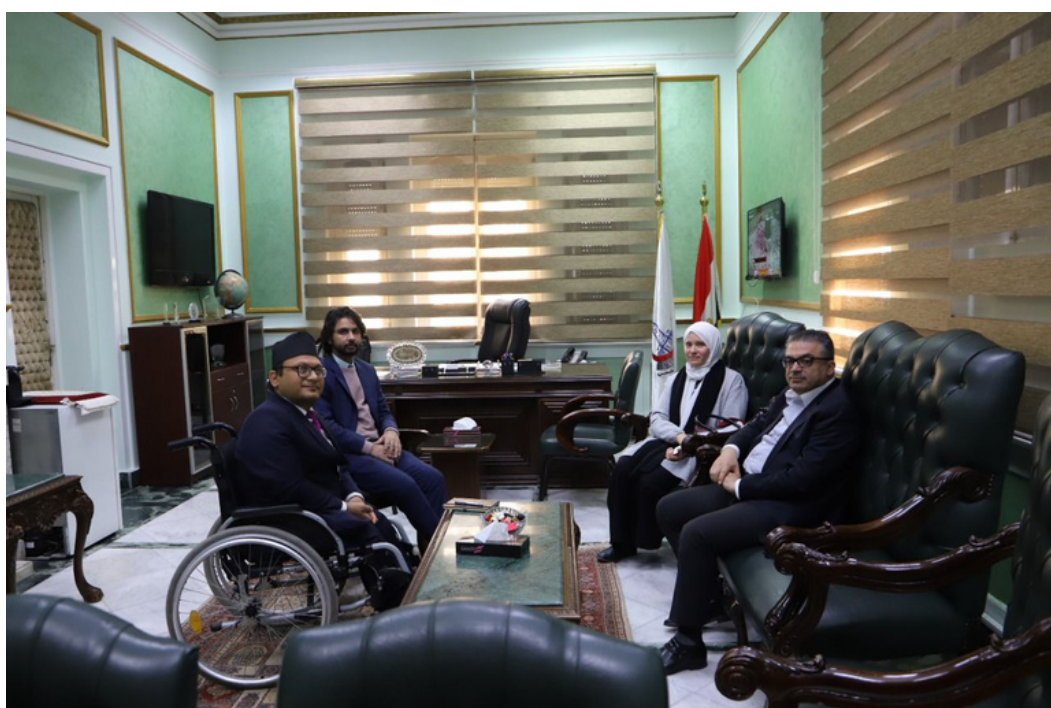
Dr. Waziri welcomed the ambassador in his office and expressed his willingness to work together in promoting exchanges between Nepal and Egypt in the field of archaeology.

## Interactions with Deans of Medical Faculties

On January 9, Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal met with Prof. Dr. Manal El-Masry, Dean of Kasr El-Ainy, the Faculty of Medicine of Cairo University, and on January 10, with Dr. Ali Anwar, Dean of Faculty of Medicine at Ain Shams University. The discussions during the meetings featured the welfare of Nepali students currently studying at those institutions. This academic year, 55 Nepali students have enrolled for MBBS degree at Kasr El-Ainy, and two at Ain Shams.

Ambassador Lamsal said that there is huge scope for mutual cooperation in the field of archaeology between Nepal and Egypt, both of which are home to ancient world civilizations. Enhancing cooperation in a mutual exchange of expertise and best practices figured during the meeting.

The Supreme Council is entrusted with the protection of Egyptian heritage from all ages – from the prehistoric era, the Pharaonic era, the Greco-Roman era, and the Coptic and Islamic times up to the modern era.







## Visit to Aswan & Luxor

From December 19-23, the Ambassador visited Aswan and Luxor Governorates and met with the Governors of the two Governorates.

On December 21, the Ambassador met with Mr. Ashraf Attiya, Governor of Aswan. The two countries should collaborate together on tourism promotion, Ambassador Lamsal said. Governor Ashraf Attiya welcomed Nepal's participation in promotional events held in Aswan.

Aswan is a tourism-oriented city, and there is a huge scope for the exchange of expertise and best practices in promoting tourism by collaborating with the governorate.

Aswan is located on the eastern bank of the River Nile, 899 km south of Cairo. It is a link between Egypt and Sudan, and a gateway to the heart of the African continent, making it an important commercial center in the region.



On December 22, Ambassador Sushil K Lamsal met with Mr. Mostafa Elham, Governor of Luxor.

The governor briefed the ambassador on Luxor's touristic and archaeological elements as well as the Egyptian state's efforts to promote inbound tourism in the governorate.

He welcomed the ambassador's proposal for collaboration on promoting bilateral trade, tourism, and investment.

Like Aswan, Luxor is a historic Egyptian capital, known for iconic Egyptian relics such as the Valley of the Kings, Karnak Temples, and Luxor Temple.







## Interactions with Nepal visitors

On August 27, the Embassy organized an interactive session with a few Egyptian tourists who had earlier visited Nepal. The objective of the event was to get a better insight into the Egyptian tourism market and to design the Embassy's activities for tourism promotion.

In Egypt, Nepal remains a nature- and adventure-themed destination especially among the young people visiting Asian countries in a loop (mostly together with Thailand, Sri Lanka, and India).



## Teej Celebration



On the eve of the Teej Festival, the Embassy hosted a get-together for female Nepali students on August 29. Nepali students at Cairo University and Ain Shams University participated in the celebration.







## Celebration of Dashain 2079

The Dashain  
Festival was  
celebrated on  
October 6, 2022 at  
the Residence of  
the Ambassador in  
Maadi.

